

The Problem:

The atlatl and dart, is the predecessor to the bow and arrow. . It is a short-range weapon, similar in limitations to that of a traditional bow, but can deliver more kinetic energy than a traditional bow. It was used around the world for the purposes of hunting animals for over 18,000 years. Wisconsin hunting regulations, presently do not allow the use of the atlatl and dart to be used for the taking of wild game.

The atlatl has no advantage or disadvantage over archery; therefore, it would present no problem to the bow hunter during the regular archery season. The atlatl and dart should be permitted, and have similar regulations as are now enforced for hunting with the bow and arrow.

WHEREAS, The atlatl is a proven, and effective tool for the taking of wild game.

WHEREAS, The use of the atlatl would allow more people the opportunity to help in the control of the deer population.

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Sheboygan County on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Recommend that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation, by introducing to the state legislature, rule changes that would allow the use of an atlatl and dart for hunting purposes.

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County Vote ( by show of hands) YES 57 NO 20